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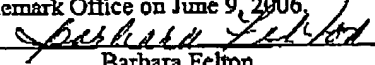
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2006, Applicants respond to the restriction requirement as follows:

In the Restriction Requirement, the claims were divided into two groups.

Group I - Claims 1-14, 16-18 and 20-22, drawn to a method of directly accessing data from an application, classified in class 707, subclass 104.1.

Group II - Claims 24-30, drawn to a method of addressing data blocks in a file system, classified in class 707, subclass 200.

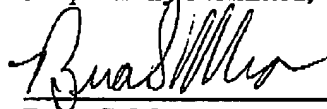
Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-14, 16-18 and 20-22, for further prosecution on the merits.

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